Yule Lives In Legend And Lore

Twinkling on trees, glowing from windows, glittering everywhere, Christmas lights reflect, today, the candles of an earlier time.

A candle in the window can light the Christ Child on his way, says Irish legend.

Nativity scenes in homes and churches depict the animals of the Manger—and on Christmas Eve, the cattle, the sheep and all the animals present at the Nativity are given the gift of speech.

So says the lore of Christmas.

Blossoming on the holiday scene, greens and flowers spread their beauty and fragrance, reminding all of the living wonder of Christmas.

In legend, all flowers bloom at midnight on Christmas Eve, just as they did more than 2,000 years ago.

The legend and lore of Christmas expresses the simple faith that lies at the heart of this happy, holy time.

Some of the most delightful of legends are told in carols.

From France comes the "Carol of the Birds." Its words recount how the birds flew to Bethlehem to behold the Christ Child. Each bird, as it flew, sang a special song of praise and rejoicing.

There's a "Carol of the Flowers," too. Summoned to the presence of the newborn King, every flower blossomed, and each blossom was a symbol of the Little One's virtues.

Seafaring peoples, in their own way, related nature's wonders to the miracle of the Nativity, through carols.

"I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing" tells of ships crossing the sea on Christmas morn, bearing Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I am asking for a tape recorder. I have been a good girl. Santa be sure to remember all the other boys and girls, too.
Love,
Sharon Davis
Concord, Va.

Dear Santa,
My name is Tracy. I have been a good boy. I want a Mini-bike and a set of Walkie-talkies and a watch and a tractor trailer.
Love,
Tracy Goin

Dear Santa,
I am five years old. I have been a good boy this year. Will you please bring me the following: 1. Action Garage. 2. Checker board 3. Don't Spill the Beans 4. Ants in the Pants.

Dear Santa,
My name is Tammy. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Baby Beans Doll and some dishes.
Please remember all of our friends.
Love,
Tammy Lewis

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a lazy Daisy Doll to sleep with me, and I would like to have the Miss America Barbie Doll, and I want a tape recorder too, and a big barbie head, and Sweet April doll and Tender-love some clothes.
Love,
Kim Maxwell

Dear Santa,
My name is Angie and I am 5 years old and I have a baby sister named Janet. She is 1 year old. We have tried to be good girls this year. Please bring me a Mrs. Beasley doll, a dune buggy, a view master, a black beard and bring Janet, a doll, a rocking horse, and some squeeze toys and bring Mama and Daddy some things. We are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Totty, Rt. 4, Appomattox, Va.
Thank You,
Angie and Janet Totty
P.S. We wish you a Merry Christmas

Dear Santa Claus,
Hope this letter finds you Mrs. Santa Claus and your reindeers o.k. I am o.k. Hope you can bring some toys this time down below I am putting what I would like: a Crissy Doll, clothes, fruit and nuts, a paint set, a gift, a potholder maker, a play make-up-kit, a doctor's kit, a 3-piece luggage set, frosty snowman snow-cones, easy bake-oven and play-cash-register. Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year.
Love,
Jacqueline Evans

North Pole

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Hi Dottie Doll, an organ, doll hangers, Chrissy clothes, Ken clothes and a bike.
Love,
Tina Moore

Dear Santa,
I am only three years old so my sister is writing this for me. I would like very much for you to bring me a mini-bike, trucks, walkie-talkie, clothes, candy and a guitar.
I will be very happy if you bring me these nice gifts because I've been a good boy. Thanks a lot.
Love,
Donald Goin

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a real good little girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a tricycle for Christmas. I hope you will remember all of the little boys and girls. Thank you Santa Claus.
Love,
Renee Lewis

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a typewriter, a rocker truck, pick-up truck, cash register, coloring pencils, gloves, shoes and clothes.
Don't forget Renee Lewis, she will be spending the holiday at my home.
Love,
John Garrett

Dear Santa,
My name is Eddie. I want a helicopter and airport and a guitar. I have been a good boy.
Please remember all of our friends.
Love,
Eddie Lewis

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Bettina Moore. I am 6 years old. My brother's name is Darrell and he is 8. I would like for you to bring me a Hi Dottie Doll and a Bike and a Organ. My brother wants a 20 gauge shotgun and a Bike Radio. Thank you.
Love,
Tina and Darrell Moore

Dear Santa,
My name is Deborah Davidson. I am 6 years old. I have been a good girl this year and I would like for you to bring me the following. A pair of boots, a watch, an umbrella and a bicycle.
I love you,
Deborah Davidson

Dear Santa,
My name is Dennis Guill. I am in the second grade. I would like for you to bring me a bubble gum machine, dump truck and tool box.
I love you,
Dennis Guill

Trees Flourish In Festivities

Of all the customs of the Yuletide, none flourishes more merrily than the Christmas tree. It's a happy holiday tradition to set up a tree, string it with lights, deck it with ornaments and crown it with a star.

Legendary suggestions about the origin of the tree are plentiful. Just about every country has one to offer.

The pine trees of the Roman Saturnalia, the great tree of Yggdrasil in Norse mythology and the evergreens the Egyptians used to adorn their homes at the winter solstice are but a few of the possibilities.

In Scandinavian mythology, the three roots of Yggdrasil bound together the home of the gods, the land of mankind and the netherworld.

Though where the Yule tree began can't be pinpointed, it first showed up as an accomplished fact in the 16th century. Strasbourg manuscripts of that era describe decorated trees as a regular, established part of the Christmas season.

The custom of the tree was probably brought to the New World by Hessian soldiers fighting for the British in the Revolutionary War.

The chronology of the Christmas tree in America reveals these highlights, as compiled by the editors of Encyclopedia International.

1856 First Christmas tree in the White House introduced by President Franklin Pierce.

1909 People of Pasadena, Calif. erected a towering tree on Mount Wilson.

1912 Community trees decorated in Madison Square Park, New York City, and on the Common in Boston.

1913 "Children's Christmas Tree" placed in Independence Square, Philadelphia.

1920 Giant deodar cedars create a mile-long panorama of lighted trees, on "Christmas Tree Lane" in Altadena, Calif.

1923 First National Community Christmas Tree inaugurated by President Calvin Coolidge.

1926 National Christmas Tree designated by U.S. Department of Interior. It's a "Sequoia gigantea," or coniferous evergreen, in King's Canyon National Park, Calif.

1933 First Rockefeller Center Christmas tree erected—a 70-foot high Norway spruce with 1,200 colorful lights. Since then, huge Christmas trees—usually Norway spruce—have been a tradition at this New York business-entertainment complex. Tallest ever was a 90-footer, in 1948.

1947 Minneapolis celebrated with a tree made of waterpipes. 135 trees placed in the pipes served as limbs.

1950 A Seattle shopping center set a record for the highest tree, with a 212-footer.

Canadians celebrate with a National Christmas Tree on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

DeckingHalls Has History

"Christ was born on Christmas day,
Wreathe the holly, twine the bay."

From England of long ago come the words of this carol, showing the early role of the bay tree and its greens in decorating for Christmas.

Its use harks back to ancient Greece, when both the bay and the laurel bedecked homes and public places in symbol of triumph. As traditional Christmas greens, they reflect the same joyful spirit, say the editors of the Grolier Universal Encyclopedia.

Holly, of course, is still popular as Yuletide greenery. But nowadays, when it's time to deck the halls, bay leaves are more likely to spice holiday cookery, rather than holiday decorating.

Christians Celebrate Holy Day With Prayer and Thanksgiving

For those who celebrate Christmas as a holy day, the holiday is greeted with rejoicing, with prayer and thanksgiving, in church and private devotions.

The word "greeting" has a special significance here, for herald angels singing to shepherds in the fields and a star shining in the heavens truly brought greetings—according to the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, "good news of great joy which will come to all people."

Merry Christmas
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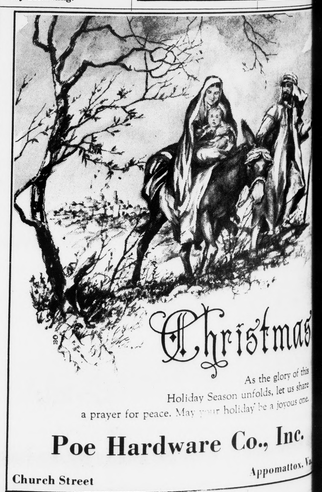

Christmas
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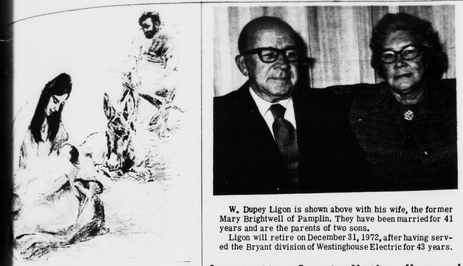

W. Dupey Ligon is shown above with his wife, the former Mary Brightwell of Pamplin. They have been married for 41 years and are the parents of two sons.

Ligon will retire on December 31, 1972, after having served the Bryant division of Westinghouse Electric for 43 years.

Appomattox County Native Honored On His Coming Retirement

Willard D. Ligon, a native of Appomattox County, general manager of the Bryant division of the Westinghouse Electric corporation, who will retire December 31, 1972, was honored on November 12th, at a reception in the Holiday Inn, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The December, 1972, issue "Westinghouse News", Bryant division, was entirely dedicated to him and was headed "The Ligon Years - A Lasting Legacy". Along side a large picture of Mr. Ligon on the front page of the company newspaper, was the following: "What A Way To Go - Flags flying, Bands playing and Bryant surpassing all expections! Yes, the Ligon years have been a lasting legacy. A legacy of unparalleled growth and accomplishment. A period of years marked by continued employment and new product development. To Willard Dupey Ligon, as a testimonial to your 43 year Westinghouse career and its spectacular conclusion at Bryant Electric, we dedicate this issue of the Westinghouse News".

Ligon was appointed General Manager of the Bryant Division of the Westinghouse Corporation in 1963, having joined the company in 1929, after graduating from Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a B.S. in industrial engineering. A native of Pamplin, Virginia, he graduated from Blackstone Military Institute prior to attending V.P.I., Blacksburg, Virginia.

He is married to the former Mary Brightwell of Pamplin.

His first Westinghouse assignment was as a foreman in the Motor Division at East Pittsburg, Pa. He rose to general foreman, assistant superintendent and superintendent. While in this division, at the end of World War II, Mr. Ligon was moved to Buffalo, New York, along with the division, and served as resident manager and then was appointed manager of the Motor Division. He was named general works manager of the combined Motor and Control Divisions at Buffalo in 1950. In 1951, he moved to Sunnyvale, California, to become project manager at the Westinghouse plant in charge of building compressors for U. S. Air Force wind tunnels. Three years later, he was named manager of the Vicksburg, Mississippi, Lighting division plant and served in that capacity for nine years before joining the Bryant division in Bridgeport.

Throughout his career, Ligon has been active in community service activities. At Vicksburg, he served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, helping to bring new industry into that area.

Mr. Ligon is a member of the Greater Bridgeport Area Chamber of Commerce and is active in the Rotary Club, Newcomen Society of North America, the Boy Scout Board, and Park City hospital board, and has served on the board of the Bridgeport Manufacturers Association.

In 1970, Mr. Ligon was awarded the Westinghouse Order of Merit, the highest honor the company can confer on its employes, for his performance as Bryant division general manager.

On November 12, 1972, Mr. Ligon received a letter of congratulations and wishes for a happy and fruitful retirement from Thomas J. Meskill, Governor of the State of Connecticut.

Yule Plants

Yes, those cherished holiday plants can keep on growing into next year.

As a tropical plant, poinsettias like plenty of water and warmth—70 to 80 degrees. Be sure to keep these plants in a warm place at night.

Though they blaze with fiery-red-colored bails, Jerusalem cherries are rather cool natured. For them, the temperature should be held at 60 to 65 degrees. Avoid overwatering.

Dancing with Joy

A Christmas carol might also be a Christmas dance.

Origin of the word "carol" itself seems to trace back to the French word, "caroler" meaning to dance, and carols of yesteryear may have been sung by carolers dancing in a circle.

Full of rejoicing, the carols we sing today literally dance with holiday merriment.

The Way Down Is Up

Buddy Myers either doesn't understnad arithmetic too well or else he's forgotten which way is up.

Ten years and less ago he was making $40,000 to $50,000 a year after Uncle Sam and the state of Virginia got their share of the fare. Now he and his wife don't know for sure where the next dollar is coming from.

But Buddy insist that this turn of event is really a rags-to-riches story.

For him, it is nothing short of that. The reversal in fortunes is the best thing that ever happened to him, he said. "God took me from the rags of success and wealth to the riches of serving Him."

It was in 1963, he said, that "God called me down from the bandstand." His routine highly lucrative as his flashy Cadillac of those days and his beach home in Virginia Beach indicated - was as a band leader in night spots and dance halls, hotels and ballrooms, private clubs and military installations.

Thrown in for good measure was his own theatrical agency that he managed, a conservatory of music that he owned, a contracting firm, a wholesale ice cream firm, a retail bakery, a restaurant and a real estate firm. He did a song and dance routine in vaudeville and also doubled as a magician.

But these things were cover-ups, at least his religious experience would indicate. The Norfolk native joined the Methodist Church when he was 8, but for about 25 years he had little to do with church. During 15 of those years, Buddy said, he felt the persistent call of God, but always succeeded in brushing it aside.

Until one day early in the last decade. "Finally, I couldn't Buddy said.

In 1962 he studied to obtain his license to preach, entering Ferrum College. At the age of 45 he was in a totally different career - far from the limelight he had prospered so well in. Instead, he was stuck back in the mountains of Virgiia ministering to two small congregations at less than 10 percent what he had been making. Some times they would tithe their last cent.

Buddy married the featured singer of his band, La Wana Lee, and together they studied at Ferrum while carrying on their ministry. It was four days each week devoted to the ministry and three dedicated to getting a degree.

After the mountain stint Buddy became the emcee of the "Night Watch" show over WXRI in Norfolk. Finally the now-ordained clergyman made his way to Alexandria's Washington St. United Methodist Church where he served as assistant pastor. His wife held a government job.

The Rev. Buddy Myers and La Wana not long ago cut their first record album and they've got two on the way -out of Nashville. They make good use of jazz phrasing. They believe that jazz, like the spiritual experience, is expressive of a person's inner self, and thus becomes music with real soul in it.

On June 22 Buddy left his ministry at Washington Street Methodist to become a licensed evangelist under the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church. Almost immediately the calls came in from various parts of the country for them to minister.

So, at 33, Buddy and La Wana set off on a new venture, traveling in a motor home across country for six weeks, with no guaranteed income. "But we'll be doing what we want to do at last, doing what the Bible says to do, namely taking the Gospel to the people." Buddy also says that since he received the baptism of the Holy Spirit some time ago he has witnessed a number of healings in his ministry.

Rags to riches? Or riches to rags?

The former, assuredly, as the couple look at it. "We'd far rather be doing what God would have us do, under the leading of the Holy Spirit, than have all that the former routine offered. We just couldn't be happier," La Wana said.

It's a case of going downhill to go to the top.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society of Appomattox County High School met on December 13, 1972, in the High School Auditorium. Co-Presidnet, Joan Coleman called the meeting to order. The sponser, Mrs. H. Foster, brought up some business about National Honor Society Scholarships. She also reminded all members to be sure and pay dues since the club needed to pay the bill on the club pins. It was then brought up that the club needed to elect a Chaplain and a Reporter, since the newly initiated members could be considered for these offices. The club elected Pam Chenault to the office of Chaplain and Rita Inge to the office of Reporter Following the election, Joan Coleman presented club pins to the new members who had not yet received them. After the business, co-Vice President Al Johnson introduced the Liberty Youth Choir. They presented an enjoyable program composed of religious songs. After the Choir concluded their program, the Travel Committee met and then the meeting was adjourned.

Rita Inge, Reporter

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